Discrimination in family pension

1323. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted the Fifth Pay Commission's recommendation in respect of family pension as contained in para 134.8 of its report;

(b) if so, whether this has been made applicable to the Central Government employees retired between January, 1986 and December, 1995;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these employees have been discriminated against while fixing the family pension; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and in what manner Government are planning to fix the family pension of these employees at par with those who retired before January, 1986 and after December, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) The recommendation of the Fifth Pay Commission to adopt a uniform rate of 30% instead of earlier slab rates of family pension has been accepted by the Government *w.e.f* 1.1.96. In the case of pre-1996 pensionerstfamily pensioners, family pension is to be reviseoY consolidated, subject to a minimum of Rs. 127y- per month. It is, however, ensured that the revised family pension shall not be less than 30% of the minimum pay on the revised corresponding scale, introduced *w.e.f* 1.1.96, of the post and scale last held by the deceased Government servant.